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**Testimony to the House Finance Committee
Tuesday, March 3, 2009 at 1:00p.m.
Conference Room 308**

RE: HOUSE BILL 952 RELATING TO "THE CARD CHECK BILL"

Chair Oshiro, Vice-Chair Lee and Members of the Committee:

I am writing today on behalf of the Maui Chamber of Commerce, an organization comprised of over 900 members, 88% of which are small businesses with 25 or fewer employees, to ask that you oppose House Bill 952, known as the "Card Check Bill."

We oppose this bill as it streamlines union certification, eliminates a workers' right to a secret ballot election (a core right that everyone should be entitled to) when deciding whether or not to join a union, strips workers of privacy and exposes them to a process whereby workers could be pressured into signing a card stating that they support a union.

Knowing the time constraints of many businesses and the time it takes to email elected officials, we asked members last year to share their views with you and provided survey details that showed that 116 businesses responded in just a day and a half. Of those who responded, 113 respondents (97%) said they oppose the Card Check bill, with 3 individuals (3%) saying they did not oppose this bill. However, through their participation in this survey, all (100%) of the respondents asked the Governor to veto the bill last year and asked you not override her veto. These sentiments about the Card Check bill remain the same today!

This bill provides an unfair advantage to one side and strips workers of an essential right. Further, now is not the time to implement new legislation that will negatively impact businesses. We adamantly oppose this bill and ask that you oppose or hold this bill.

Sincerely,

Pamela Tumpap
President

FINTestimony

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Tuesday, March 03, 2009 12:18 PM
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Cc: lloos@hawaii.rr.com
Subject: Testimony for HB952 on 3/3/2009 1:00:00 PM

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Testimony for FIN 3/3/2009 1:00:00 PM HB952

Conference room: 308
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Testifier will be present: No
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Comments:

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From: yamashita1- Kathy on behalf of LABtestimony
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From: pbustamante@pacificlight.net [mailto:pbustamante@pacificlight.net]
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The entities that will be affected by this measure will increase the likelihood of them not surviving the additional costs, lost productivity, and bureaucratization of the workplace that come with procedures mandated by this measure.

Our state has been focused on sustainability. This measure will undermine our efforts. Simply, unionization will increase the cost of locally produced food and weaken Hawaii's valuable but shrinking agricultural industry.

Also, fundamentally, this measure removes every employee's right to a secret ballot in determining whether to have union representation.

We should be focusing on finding ways to revitalize Hawaii's economy, not hinder it.

For the above reasons, I strongly ask that you hold this bill. Thank you for the opportunity to submit written comments.

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From: info@gonorthshore.org
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Executive Director
North Shore Chamber of Commerce

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